

LOCAL LORE

—Miss Jennie King of Coeur D'Alene is the guest of her uncle, John Wells.

—Miss Snell entertained a number of lady friends at Alpha Hall, Tuesday evening.

—The Judge Moor house in this city has been sold to J. E. Cronk. The price paid was \$600.

—Mrs Florence Haskins arrived Wednesday from Eureka Springs, Arkansas, in time to attend the funeral of her mother.

—Governor Geer and wife passed through town Wednesday en route home from Newport. They went to the sea-side Monday.

—President Gatch went Wednesday to Salem, where he was one of the honorary pall bearers at the funeral of ex-Mayor G. W. Gray.

—Recent letters from him to William Broders, announce that Ben Wolde will leave Vienna, Austria, tomorrow for the United States.

—George B. Keady and J. B. Horner, with their families, left Thursday for a camping trip to the Alsea country. They expect to be absent a fortnight.

—Wilson Wright, son of Mrs. Wright of Corvallis, now holds a position as superintendent of a quicksilver mine in Northern California, and commands a large salary.

—Moses Craig is spending his summer vacation at Orangeport, Niagara county New York. He holds a position as horticulturist at the agricultural college at Auburn, Alabama.

—By express Wednesday, Hector Brothers north of town received a fine Cotswold buck, lambing this spring. The animal comes from the Ladd farm and the price paid for him was \$20. He is registered.

—The horns of a big seven-point buck are to be seen at "Our House." The specimen is one of the finest that ever surmounted a deer's head. The animal was killed by Jesse Brown near his home last Monday.

—Jacksonville Times, July 24.—Geo. A. Houck, of Benton county, a brother of Hon. J. J. Houck, of Gold Hill, arrived in this county last week with over 1000 highbred Angora goats, which he purchased in California and is driving home.

—The hardwood factory at the saw mill is now turning out telephone cases for the Oregon Telephone company. The cases are a sample lot made of maple, balm, cottonwood, and pine. A large amount of additional work of the sort is expected at the factory.

—In the absence of the pastor, Rev. Shafer will occupy the pulpit of the Evangelical church tomorrow. Mr. Shafer is an excellent speaker and an earnest worker. He is a graduate of the Moody Bible Institute at Chicago. Christian Endeavor meets at 7 p. m. at which time a collection will be taken for the relief of the sufferers of the famine districts of India. Come and bring your offering.

—A new window display at A. Hodess' attracts much notice. It represents a camping scene. The camp fire with its overhanging kettle is there. So also is the tent, the trees, the log with the hatchet stuck in it, the empty cans, the egg shells and all other things incident to a camp in the woods. The display is seasonable, and the arrangement artistic. Clem Hodess is the decorator.

—John Lenger's commission house handled the R. C. Kiger crop of Early Hale peaches. The yield of the orchard was 1,100 boxes, and the whole product has been picked and successfully marketed. Four hundred boxes were sold in Corvallis and 700 went to Portland. Mr. Lenger will also handle Mr. Kiger's Early Crawford, which will be ready for picking in three weeks. Of the latter there should be 1,000 boxes.

—William Hamlin and family arrived Tuesday from Crawford, Nebraska. They have leased a house, and expect to spend the winter in this city. They came by team, having left their Nebraska home May 10th. In the party were two families, one of which settled in Grande Ronde, while the other went into the state of Washington. Mr. Hamlin was formerly acquainted with Mr. McHenry and Carpenter Campbell, in Nebraska.

—Neil Newhouse arrived Wednesday from Eugene, where he has been refitting the dryer in the prune orchard of Norris Humphrey. The model adopted in the new arrangement of the dryer is the same as is in use at the big prune orchard, which is understood to be a complete success in curing fruit. In Mr. Humphrey's orchard the Italian prunes are practically a total failure. Of Petites there will be a yield of 2,500 bushels. The orchard comprises 35 acres, half Italian and half Petite trees, and is one of the finest in the state.

—Mr. Brunk regrets the departure of F. M. Kaady, a late guest at the Occidental. The latter is apparently a dead beat. He arrived in town, a stranger, and put up at the Occidental. He claimed to be an agent of the Native Sons order. For a week he continued as the guest of Mr. Brunk. Then, without a warning, suggestion or an affectionate goodbye, he departed. The hour of his going was early. It was, so far as can be judged, long before the landlord had arisen. Where he went is not known. The chief remembrance of him is, that his board bill is still unsettled.

—Wheat 45.

—Judge McFadden left for California yesterday.

—Mrs. Jerry Nunan and children of Portland are in town, the guests of relatives.

—A wife, a lost \$5 piece, a missing dog and many other things are inquired about in the "Lost and Found" column this issue.

—George Davis, Samuel Whitesides and W. H. Mc Bee have bought three fourths of the Calloway-Hunter threshing outfit, and the latter has gone to Muddy to operate. Joe Hunter retains a quarter interest.

—The following sheriff's deeds have been filed for record. Peter Rickard to C. E. Robertson, 320 acres five miles north of Philomath, \$1,572 35; M. P. Burnett to H. S. Pittman, 40 acres two miles south of Biedgett, \$1.

—After a month spent in Umatilla county, A. M. Witham, who returned Monday, says Willamette is not in it for wheat. He saw one wheat field that was four miles long. The crop beyond the Cascades is excellent.

—A drop in the price of wheat in the local market occurred Thursday. The decline is from 46 to 45. The price still stands at the latter figure. The change is on account of a decline from 58 and 60 to 54 in Portland, and weaker quotations in the San Francisco and Eastern markets.

—The ladies of the Christian church gave a very pleasant lawn social in the court house square Tuesday night. The maples were tastefully hung with Chinese lanterns, and ice-cream and cake were served from a tent. A large crowd was in attendance. The sum of \$19.50 was realized.

—A welcome change in the weather has transpired. For the intense heat of the latter part of last week the weather clerk has substituted cool, temperate days and comfortable nights, and the old inhabitant is himself again. A threatening south wind with apparent promise of a harvest rain has been the only unwelcome feature.

—A number of her friends were entertained by Miss Leona Smith Wednesday evening, in honor of the Misses Cooper and Miss Hessel, of Portland. Those present were: Misses Julia and Louise Cooper, Frances Hessel, Mabel Withycombe, Rosalie Greiffz, Lulu Spangler, Leona Smith and Mrs. Rennie and Esther Avery. Messrs. Grant Elgin, Raymond Henkle, Walter Keady, Arthur Bier, Ernest Arnold, Emer Clark, and Mr. Rennie.

—Guy Clark arrived in town Thursday, having come from Portland on his wheel. He wore a fine \$35 gold medal, taken by him as first prize in a half mile bicycle race at the celebration of the fourth Baker City. Business in Baker at present is dull, and Guy will spend the summer in Portland where he has a position. The members of the Clark family are very well pleased with their new location.

—Mr. and Mrs. Cronk arrived Wednesday from a month's absence at Coos Bay. They expected not to return, but after looking around for awhile they are back, and Mr. Cronk has purchased a dwelling into which they will occupy for an indefinite period. At Coos Bay Mr. and Mrs. Cronk visited with Kriebels and found them comfortably located, with Mr. Kriebel in an excellent position. At Coos Bay there is much activity in lumber, ship building, coal and other lines.

—The funeral of Mrs. Haskins occurred from the Presbyterian church at 2:30 Wednesday afternoon. Save J. H. Haskin of St. Louis, all of the sons and daughters were present. Miss Florence Haskins having arrived from Eureka Springs, Arkansas, just in time to reach the church. The service was conducted by Dr. Thompson. The choir was in attendance and rendered several selections. There was an abundance of floral offerings, and many old time citizens of the town were present to pay a last tribute to one who had been for nearly half a century a resident of Corvallis. The interment was in Crystal Lake cemetery.

—The exodus to the mountains and the sea has decimated Corvallis' population. Save a few straggling citizens, the streets are most of the time deserted. The town dog dozes lazily on the sidewalk, and only stirs to snap at an offending fly. Farmers only come to town for machinery extras or a few supplies, and are gone again within a short time of arrival. For the next month to come Main street will not drive people into lunacy with its bustling activity. The only sounds to relieve the monotony will be the noise of hammers where repairs of building are going on, the distant buzz of the saw mill, or the rattle of the machinery in the planing mills.

—The big log drive passed along the river front Thursday forenoon. The main jam began to pass at eight o'clock in the morning, and by noon the river in front of the O. R. & N. dock was practically clear of logs. The advance guard of the drive has been passing town for ten days. The drive comprises six million feet, and is composed of white fir and balm logs for the Oregon City paper mill. In moving it forty men and eight horses are employed. The men are paid \$2.50 per day, and the daily expense is \$150. With the outfit are three scows, one being the bunk house and eating establishment for the men, and the other two for the use of the horses. The operators are Spalding Brothers, formerly of Corvallis.

—Prof. Kuisely, the new chemist at the college, arrived yesterday afternoon and has assumed charge of his department. He has made a favorable impression on those he has met.

—With commendable energy, J. A. Carter has replaced his burned buildings at Wells with new structures, and is again in business. His announcement is to be seen elsewhere in this paper.

—Heavy shipments of mail are now regularly received each evening by the new service on the O. & E. The arrangement is a great convenience. A morning service for Portland would still further accommodate.

—Beginning Monday evening, the lobby of the post-office will be closed at night. The change is in response to orders issued by the post-office department at Washington. It is on account of numerous post-office robberies that have occurred.

—The Central Planing Mills and Box Factory have arranged with the City Lumber yards for a large supply of Cascade Mountain sugar pine to be manufactured into fruit and other boxes. The box factory proprietors have tried the balm and river bottom or bull pine, which has not given satisfaction. In the future they will use the sugar or white pine for boxes. This material is superior to spruce for this kind of work.

THE WHEAT YIELD.

Reports From the Threshers.—The Average so far is From Nine to Seventeen Bushels.

The uppermost question in Benton county minds now is "What is the wheat yield to be?" Much depends on how the waving wheat fields and the threshing machines answer the question. When farmers do not prosper, merchants, blacksmiths and professional men do not prosper. In this agricultural community every line is dependent upon the husbandman, and the weal or the woe of one is locked up in the success or failure of the other.

Next week threshing of the fall sown grain begins. The Smith-Whiteaker machine opens up at T. W. Smith's place Wednesday. The Davis-McGee-Whiteside-Hunter machine starts at the W. H. Mc Bee place Tuesday. The Taylor and Tracer machine starts next week, but the day has not yet been fixed. The same is true of the Gellatly machine. Ahead of all others is the Linderman-Lock-Knot machine. Its fall run began last Tuesday. There was a day and a half of threshing on the E. W. Fisher farm. From there the machine went to Sol King's and threshed until yesterday morning. In the forenoon there was a removal from King's to Locke's, where threshing is now in progress. Across the Willamette in Linn several threshers are said to be at work. Among others is the Hofflake outfit, which has already threshed several fall crops.

The yields where threshing has been done are not so discouraging as might have been expected. The crop, though much shortened, is in no sense a failure. On the Fisher farm wheat made an average of 17 bushels. Those who saw the field, however, say that in an ordinary year the average would not have been less than 35 bushels. On the Hofflake farm across the Willamette from a large field of summer fallow was only nine bushels per acre. In the vicinity of Oakville a similar field went ten bushels. On the same field last year the average was 25 bushels. On the Casper Zierolf farm four acres of wheat threshed as an experiment Monday, made an average of 15 bushels. Oats on the same place averaged 22 bushels.

It Averaged Fifteen Bushels.

The first grain threshed in Benton this season was at the Casper Zierolf farm Monday. Four acres of wheat averaged fifteen bushels per acre, and a small acreage of oats made an average of 22 bushels. A farmer who saw it said that the straw in the wheat was good enough for a yield of thirty bushels. The yield however, was not below what Mr. Zierolf expected.

The grain was threshed by the new Taylor-Tracer outfit. The threshing, in fact was only done for trial of the machine. The outfit was purchased of J. R. Smith & Company of Corvallis, and comprised a 33-56 Garr-Scott separator and an eighteen-horse Garr-Scott compound engine, with wind stacker and automatic band cutter and feeder.

A large crowd of interested machine men were on hand to watch proceedings, and all expressed delight at the smooth working of the machinery. A machine of the same kind but of smaller size, and belonging to the Linderman-Locke-Knots company, was tried on the farm of E. W. Fisher north of town. Tuesday with equal satisfaction. The cost of the Taylor-Tracer outfit was about \$3,000.

All summer dress goods at cost, Nolan & Callahan's.

TOO MANY WIVES.

One in Alsea and Another in the East—That is the Charge against Edwards.

A warrant is out for the arrest of R. E. Edwards. It charges him with bigamy and adultery. The offense charged is that Edwards, while still lawfully married to one woman entered into the marriage relation with another.

Edwards lives in the Alsea country, near the foot of Digger mountain. The records in the clerk's office show that Edwards was married to Miss E. S. Strake in Corvallis on the first of last February. The marriage was solemnized in the law office of E. Holgate, Mr. Holgate as justice of the peace officiating. The witnesses to the ceremony were John Burnett and Mrs. A. Strake. The latter is the mother of the young lady whom Edwards took as his bride. Miss Strake was only seventeen years of age at the time of the wedding, and along with the application for the license was filed the mother's written consent to the marriage.

At the time of the marriage, Edwards was the husband of another woman, whose residence is now in the East, and from whom he has never been divorced. The case is brought in the court of John Edwards, justice of peace for Alsea precinct. The warrant was sworn out by District Attorney E. R. Bryson, who went to Alsea to look up evidence in the case Wednesday. The proceeding is brought in the Alsea court to save mileage and costs. The justice in the case is not related to the defendant. The defendant is to be arrested in Alsea this morning, and his preliminary examination will follow as soon as arrangements are made. The case is said to be a very plain one, with abundant evidence on the side of the state. Prior to Edward's latest marriage, the Strakes, mother and daughter were, as they still are, residents of Alsea.

DENNIS STOVALL'S LETTER.

Facts About Baker City and Sumpter—Where the Money Comes From.

Editor TIMES:—I hear and read a great deal of late regarding the mines and mineral resources of Oregon, more especially the district surrounding Baker City and Sumpter.

For the edification of the interested readers of the TIMES, and as there are several Benton county people who have set their stakes here with the many others, I as one who has become quite well acquainted with this country would beg leave to say a few words.

There is no doubt whatever but that the Baker and Sumpter mining district is booming; as Sumpter has grown during the past three years from a village of 300 to a city of nearly 5000 people. Baker City now contains 10,000 people where only a short time ago there were but half that number. People are flocking in here by the scores and hundreds.

But here comes the all-important question—Do the resources of the country justify this rapid growth? If I should be asked the question I would say, I believe not.

In the first place there is no agriculture here; that is none to amount to anything as the great host of people require. The country surrounding Baker City is naught but barren hills, where there is naught to be seen but tufts of sage brush and clouds of rolling sand. How it makes the heart of the Webfooter long for home, for the green meadows, the rippling streams and the cool shades to look across these miles and miles of mountains without a single tree in sight,—naught but sage-brush and sand, and sand and sage-brush, with an occasional jack rabbit that perhaps came in here during the crusades.

But is there gold here? Yes there is, just lots of it. But I haven't got it, neither has my neighbor or the people living across the street. There is money here too, just lots of it, but it is that which I and my neighbor and the people across the street, together with others brought here when we came. There are mines here too, just lots of them, and thousands and thousands of dollars are spent in working them. But how many paying mines are there? Very few. But what makes Baker boom? Well we have just lots of mines and it takes money to run them. So if you will be kind enough to take up another it will mean that much more money for the "grafters."

DENNIS H. STOVALL.

Deserted His Family and His Farm.

The queer behavior of John Loutsenheiser of Alsea has come to public notice. For fifteen years he has resided in Alsea, where he owned 160 acres of land. He formerly resided at Cameron, Missouri, where an interesting family and a fine farm were deserted by him when he

came to the Coast. He received a pension of \$30 per month, and regularly the most of this money was sent to the family in Missouri. He refused, absolutely, however, to go back to his family, or to permit members of the family to come out to him, threatening, if they attempted to do so, to go where he could not be found. He was a past-master of a Missouri lodge of A. O. U. W., and kept his dues promptly paid. Recently he went from Alsea to Albany. There his mental condition grew worse, and members of the workmen took charge of his case. Last week, the Democrat says, a daughter and son-in-law of the strange man came out from Missouri, and Wednesday they started with him for his old home. The case is unusually peculiar.

Stinginess That Did Not Pay.

The man did not live in Benton county. He was a Kansan. He was too stingy to subscribe and pay for the local paper. He sent his little boy to borrow the copy taken by his neighbor. In his haste the boy ran over a \$4 stand of bees and in ten minutes looked like a warty summer squash. His cries reached his father, who ran to his assistance, and failing to notice a barbed wire fence, ran into it, breaking it down, cutting a handful of flesh from his anatomy and ruining a \$4 pair of pants. The old cow took advantage of the gap in the fence and got into the corn field and killed herself eating green corn. Hearing the racket the wife ran, upset a four gallon churn of rich cream into a basket of kittens drowning the whole flock. In the hurry she dropped a \$7 set of false teeth. The baby left alone crawled through the spilled cream into the parlor, ruining a new \$20 carpet. During the excitement the oldest girl ran away with the hired man; the dog broke up eleven setting hens, and the calves got out and chewed the tails off four fine shirts.

LOST AND FOUND.

Wanted

A man of 35 wishes to correspond with lady with a view to marriage. Address, P. O. Box 633, Portland Ore.

Boxes! Boxes!

Apple boxes, peach boxes, boxes of all kind made. Pine cotton-wood and fir. All work guaranteed. Best new planing mill just started at the Corvallis Saw Mill.

Lost.

White Setter dog, red spot on left side, red ears. Named Bob. Any one finding such a dog notify Frank Lilly and receive reward.

All goods at cost until Saturday 28th, at the Ladies Bazaar.

Ladies, when you visit Nolan & Callahan's don't forget looking over their remnant counter: Choice Plums.

All shirt waists and crash skirts at cost. Nolan & Callahan's.

Buy your harvesting outfits at Nolan & Callahan's.

Sweeping reductions in all summer goods at Nolan & Callahan's.

Big Bargains in broken lines of ladies' shoes at Nolan & Callahan's.

The favorite whiskey of famous men is HARPER. Because of its smooth, exquisite flavor; because of its matchless purity; because of its mellow age. No wonder its the favorite. Every drop sterling. HARPER WHISKEY SOLD BY J. G. WUESTHELD Corvallis, Or.

Big Bargains in mens' and boys' summer suits at Nolan & Callahan's.

Complete stock of harvesting outfits at Nolan & Callahan's.

Cut prices in trimmed hats at Fulington & Ranney's.

For Sale Cheap. Good buggy and harness. Enquire of E. P. Greiffz, the jeweler.

For Sale. 84 head nannies and 55 head stock sheep. Address or call on S. Fisher, Philomath, Oregon.

For Sale. A 14-Tray-Currin Fruit dryer. Stoves complete—used one season. Price \$25. Will exchange. R. Fisher, Corvallis.

Sugar Pine Boxes. All kind of fruit boxes made from sugar pine at Central Planing Mills and Box Factory.

Personal. Will the person to whom, by mistake, a \$5 piece instead of a nickel was given in change at the Ice Cream social Thursday night kindly return the amount due to Mrs. Frank Elgin. In making change, the \$5 was given, under the impression that it was a nickel. An examination of his or her purse by the person receiving it should show proof of the error.

TOLD IN BRIEF.

Peoples Movement—What They are Doing and Where They are Going.

—Mrs. Mae Irvine left yesterday for Newport, for the season.

—The Nolan family leave the first of the week to occupy a cottage at Newport.

—For the week, Mrs. J. H. Harris is at Kings Valley the guest of Mrs. Alexander.

—Mrs. Bertha Greenberg, sons and mother, returned yesterday to San Francisco.

—Mrs. Cooper and daughters and Miss Hessel, left yesterday for their homes in Portland.

—Miss Mayne Crawford leaves today to accept a position in the telephone office at Salem.

—Esther Reid, for the remainder of the college vacation, is an assistant at Allen's drug store.

—Prof. McKellips left yesterday for Connersville, Indiana to be absent until September 1st.

—The Misses Simpson, guests of their aunt, Mrs. F. L. Miller, leave today for their home in Portland.

—Thursday evening at the lodge hall, the Degree of Honor gave a reception in honor of the birthday of Taylor Porter.

—Mr. and Mrs. Fulton, Miss Helen Holgate and Dr. Bowen Lester left yesterday morning for a two weeks camping trip to Alsea.

—Dr. Totten recently arrived from Eastern Oregon and now a resident of the vicinity, will hold service at Oak Ridge tomorrow at three o'clock.

—Dr. Thompson leaves this afternoon for Newport where tomorrow he will hold service in the Presbyterian church. He returns to Corvallis Monday.

—The condition of John Stalbusch, who recently suffered a paralytic stroke, is not improved. He remains speechless, and his right side is completely involved with the paralysis.

—Harry and Robert Williams, properly armed and equipped, with three ponies for transport, requirements left yesterday morning for the Cascades for a month's hunting and fishing trip.

—Henry Franklin has designed a drilling machine that promises to become useful in rock and other work. The machine strikes 120 blows a minute. The force of the blow is from 200 to 250 pounds. The machine for blasting purposes will drill a hole of any desired size. It weighs but 60 pounds. The price is about \$100.

—Miss Olive Smith, an acceptably and faithfully trained position of organist at the Presbyterian church, during the past two years, returns to her home at Dallas today. It is seldom that a church is so fortunate to secure the services of a competent and constant organist for so long a period. The entire church and congregation recognize with gratitude the efficient service and help, Miss Smith has rendered. Whether or not Miss Smith will return to Corvallis is uncertain.

'HEAP TUBBLE.'

A Chinaman's Distress.—A letter from His Wife.—Hog-meat High.

"In China, muchee tubble. Chinamen no likee. Too muchee fight, all sem Melican man." That is what Chinamen Ti said yesterday. He had just received a letter from his wife in China. The missive is supposed to have breathed much love and affection, as well as distress, for Ti was visibly affected.

The letter said that the prices of everything in China had advanced since the war began. Thus, rice before the war was a dollar per 100 pounds; now it was five dollars per 100. To get a small trunk through the Chinese custom house before the war cost \$1; now it costs \$10. But here is where the shoe pinches. Even as a lady loves a new spring bonnet, the Chinese love pigs. "Heap likee pig all time eatee, heap good" was Ti's description of the chinamens love of hog meat. Before the war, to get a pig through the custom house cost one cent per pound; now it costs five cents per pound. The consequent laceration of the average Chinese bosom is easily understood.

Ti's letter was on tissue paper in Chinese characters and was about a yard long. It read up and down the page instead of across it, Ti said the Chinese troubles were caused by missionaries. "Chistian makes heap tubble. Ketchum China girl, makem Chistian too; Boxer no likee. Cut um Chistian head off. Chinaman no likee Boxer all sem Injin."

Piano Instruction.

Mordant Goodnough, teacher of piano and organ. Method of Dr. Mason of New York. Terms reasonable.